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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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RE: Petition by ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Unresolved Issues in Interconnection Agreement Negotiations Between ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") - Docket No. 99-00430

Dear Mr. Waddell:

ITC^DeltaCom is responding to BellSouth's letter dated February 23, 2001. The Hearing Officer granted ITC^DeltaCom additional time to respond. In that letter BellSouth states "BellSouth is currently working with DeltaCom to reach a better understanding of its best and final offer..." However, BellSouth has not approached ITC^DeltaCom with any questions or had any discussion with ITC^DeltaCom regarding the ITC^DeltaCom Best and Final Offer.

On February 23, 2001, BellSouth provided ITC^DeltaCom with a region-wide performance measure and remedy plan which ITC^DeltaCom is currently reviewing. The BellSouth proposal is approximately 160 pages long.

Meanwhile, ITC^DeltaCom will review BellSouth's concerns outlined on pages six through eight in its February 23<sup>rd</sup> letter, and, of course, will be happy to assist BellSouth with incorporating the appropriate sections of the ITC^DeltaCom Final Best Offer as ordered by the Authority.

Very truly yours,

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